

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended) A device for lengthening bones (5) or bone parts, comprises at least two elements which can be moved relative to one another, and including at least one locking element (14.1, 14.2) axially movable in or along a guide element (1) by means of at least one drive unit (2), wherein the drive unit (2) is formed by a motor element (10), with downstream gear unit (11) and control unit (12), and by a spindle element (13) adjoining the motor element (10) or adjoining the gear unit (11), wherein the at least one locking element (14.1, 14.2) sits on the spindle element (13); and wherein the spindle element (13) comprises a threaded rod which passes through the at least one lock and engages with the at least one locking element.

16-17 (canceled).

18. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the guide element (1) has an elongate, continuous guide slot (6).

19. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the guide element (1) comprises, at each end, a radial through-openings (4.1, 4.2) for the passage and engagement of securing elements for fixing the guide element (1) in ~~the~~ a bone (5) or bone parts.

20. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the guide element (1) comprises, at one end, a receiving opening (9) for the reception and engagement of a drive unit (2).

21-22 (canceled).

23. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the drive unit radial turns the spindle element (13) or threaded rod, wherein the locking element (14.1, 14.2) inserted into the guide slot (6) is moved axially to and fro along the guide element (1).

24. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the locking element (14.1, 14.2) comprises a rectangular or round cross section and engages at least partially over an outside of the guide slot (6) of the guide element (1).

25. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the bone segment (15), can be moved via the locking element (14) by means of the spindle element (13) being driven by the drive unit, wherein a separating site (16) is formed between a bone part and ~~the~~ a bone segment (15).

26. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 25, wherein the locking element (14.1, 14.2) engages in the bone segment (15).

27. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the drive unit (2) is pushed axially into the receiving opening (9), and a motor element (10) is fitted against rotation in the guide element (1) in the area of the receiving opening (9).

28. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 27, wherein at one end of the guide ~~slot (6)~~ element (1), there is a recess (7) for bearing a spindle element (13).

29. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 28, wherein two locking elements (14.1, 14.2) sit on the spindle element (13) and, upon actuation of the motor element (10), are driven toward or away from one another in the guide slot (6) of the guide element (1).

30. (new) A device for lengthening bones (5) or bone parts, comprises at least two elements which can be moved relative to one another, and including at least one locking element (14.1, 14.2) axially movable in or along a guide element (1), means for moving the at least one locking element (14.1, 14.2) in or along the guide element (1), wherein the guide element (1) comprises, at one end, a receiving opening (9) for the reception and engagement of a drive unit (2), wherein the drive unit (2) is pushed axially into the receiving opening (9), and a motor

element (10) is fitted against rotation in the guide element (1) in the area of the receiving opening (9), wherein at one end of the guide element (1), there is a recess (7) for bearing a spindle element (13), and wherein two locking elements (14.1, 14.2) sit on the spindle element (13) and, upon actuation of the motor element (10), are driven toward or away from one another in the guide slot (6) of the guide element (1).